

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions from 1 to 2.

Question 1: A. nakeded B. starteded C. intendeded D. watched

Question 2: A. looks B. visits C. keeps D. learns

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions from 3 to 4.

Question 3: A. organic B. energy C. appliance D. disaster

Question 4: A. adventurous B. entertainment C. certificate D. inhabitant

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions from 5 to 12.

Question 5: In the scholarship interview, he answered the questions _____ than the other students.

A. confident B. more confidently C. most confidently D. as confidently

Question 6: My little brother is _____ cartoons, so he watches them every evening after finishing homework.

A. crazy about B. packed with C. covered with D. responsible for

Question 7: Hiking alone along a remote forest trail at night can be _____, even for experienced campers.

A. dangerously B. danger C. dangerous D. endanger

Question 8: In city life, An is stressed because the traffic is crowded every morning, and he is often late.

An: "The streets are so crowded, and I'm late again."

Binh: "_____"

A. Why don't you just drive faster so you can arrive on time?

B. If I were you, I'd leave 15 minutes earlier or take the bus.

C. Don't worry. Being late is normal, so it's not a big problem.

D. If the traffic is bad, you should stay at home today.

Question 9: Many ships travel along _____ Nile every day.

A. a B. an C. the D. Ø

Question 10: My uncle _____ a shopping mall in Da Nang at present.

A. is built B. is building C. builds D. will built

Question 11: Life in the countryside would be harder if there _____ clean water for everyone.

A. is B. were C. would be D. will be

Question 12: The old posters _____ yesterday, so the classroom looks cleaner for the school meeting.

A. removed B. were removing C. were removed D. were remove

Read the following announcement and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 13 to 16.

SCHOOL TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS ★

Do you sing, dance, play an instrument, or tell jokes? Auditions for the Grade 9 Talent Show will take place next week. You can perform alone or in a small group. The school will provide a (13) _____ for

singers and speakers, and there will be a piano on site. (14) _____ of the teams will have three minutes to perform and one minute for a quick question from the judges. Please arrive 15 minutes early to warm up. Meet (15) _____ the second floor of Building A, outside Room 204, at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 20 January. Results will be posted on the notice board on Friday. Winners will (16) _____ a short presentation at the New Year Assembly. For details, see Mr. Huy in the Music Office or email huy.music@school.edu.

Question 13: A. curtain

B. microphone

C. costume

D. ticket

Question 14: A. Each

B. Every

C. All

D. Most

Question 15: A. in

B. at

C. to

D. on

Question 16: A. have

B. get

C. give

D. take

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions from 17 to 18.

(17) _____ After a landslide, rumors can travel quickly and make people choose unsafe roads. Local officials usually share updates through radio, posters, and community groups. (18) _____ A calm, verified message often saves more time than a fast guess.

Question 17: Choose the sentence that can **BEGIN** the text most appropriately.

A. These examples show that disasters are terrible, so people should stop traveling.

B. Many earthquakes happen suddenly, so people should always stay away from windows.

C. Some families donate clothes after storms, because they want to help quickly.

D. In any natural disaster, reliable information is as important as clean water.

Question 18: Put the sentences (a–c) in the correct order, then fill in the blank to make a logical text.

a. Before you share a warning online, check the source and the date carefully.

b. If you feel unsure, ask a teacher, neighbor, or local officer for guidance.

c. Saving emergency numbers in your phone helps you confirm news quickly.

A. c – a – b

B. a – c – b

C. b – a – c

D. c – b – a

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 19 to 24.

Fast fashion is popular because clothes are cheap and new designs appear every week. Many teenagers enjoy buying a new shirt for a small price. (19) _____, this habit causes serious problems. Factories make huge amounts of clothing, and the process uses a lot of water and chemicals. The clothes, (20) _____ made to last, often lose their shape after a few washes. People then throw them away, and mountains of fabric end up in landfills. When we buy too much, we (21) _____ money but we also support an excessive system that hurts the environment. In some places, workers are paid very little and work long hours. It is hard to stop because ads on social media push us to shop again. Another issue is shipping: items travel far, so trucks and planes create more pollution. To reduce these problems, governments (22) _____ set rules for cleaner production. At the same time, shoppers can (23) _____ an effort to buy fewer items and repair what they already own. The cheaper fashion becomes, (24) _____ buy without thinking, so learning to plan purchases is important. Choosing more sustainable brands can help.

Question 19: A. Meanwhile

B. Besides

C. Despite

D. Still

Question 20: A. which are not

B. which is not

C. who are not

D. which not are

Question 21: A. do not only spend

B. only not spend

C. not spend only

D. not only spend

Question 22: A. have to

B. need

C. should

D. would

- Question 23:** A. get B. take C. make D. put
Question 24: A. the we more B. the more we C. more the we D. the more us

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to the original sentence in each of the following questions from 25 to 26.

Question 25: "I didn't give John the money," said Mary.

- A. Mary denied giving John the money. B. Mary admitted giving John the money.
 C. Mary suggested giving John the money. D. Mary remembered giving John the money.

Question 26: We wear traditional clothes on special occasions. We want to show respect for our culture.

- A. We wear traditional clothes on special occasions so that we can show respect for our culture.
 B. We wear traditional clothes on special occasions but we can show respect for our culture.
 C. We wear traditional clothes on special occasions though we can show respect for our culture.
 D. We wear traditional clothes on special occasions if we can show respect for our culture.

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is best made from the given cues in each of the following questions from 27 to 28.

Question 27: Linh / extremely creative / design posters / edit videos.

- A. Linh who is extremely creative, designs not only posters but also edits videos.
 B. Linh, who is extremely creative, not only designs posters but also edits videos.
 C. Linh, who is extremely creative, not only designs the posters and edits videos.
 D. Linh, who is extremely creative does not only design posters but also edits videos.

Question 28: They / live / Moscow / before / they / move / a new house / London / last year.

- A. They lived in Moscow before they had moved into a new house in London last year.
 B. They lived in Moscow before they move into a new house in London last year.
 C. They had lived in Moscow before they moved into a new house in London last year.
 D. They had lived in Moscow before they had moved into a new house in London last year.

Read the following notice or message and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions from 29 to 30.

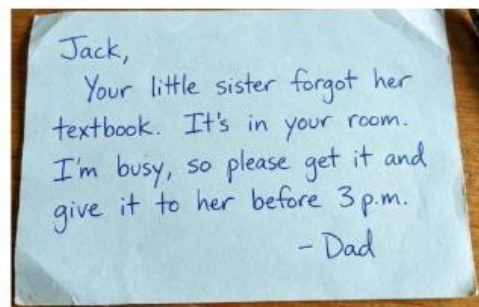
Question 29: What does the notice mean?

- A. You can send us your empty shoebox.
 B. We welcome your toy donation for orphans.
 C. You can volunteer to pack the shoe boxes.
 D. You can donate shoes for homeless people.



Question 30: What does Jack's dad want to say?

- A. ask Jack to pick up something from home
 B. complain that he has too much to do
 C. apologize for forgetting telling him something
 D. ask him to buy something



Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions from 31 to 36.

Many students today face **mounting** pressure to succeed in school. They worry about grades, tests, and getting into good universities. This stress affects their daily lives in many ways.

Academic pressure comes from different sources. Parents often want their children to do well and have better opportunities than they had. Teachers expect students to work hard and meet high standards. Friends and classmates also create pressure when students compare their grades and achievements with others.

The effects of too much academic pressure can be serious. Students may feel tired all the time and have trouble sleeping. Some lose interest in activities they once enjoyed. They might feel anxious or sad, and their health can suffer. When pressure becomes too intense, students may even experience burnout - a state of physical and mental exhaustion.

However, not all pressure is bad. A reasonable amount of challenge can **motivate** students to learn and improve. The key is finding balance. Students need time to study, but they also need time to relax, exercise, and spend time with family and friends. Schools and parents should help create an environment where students can succeed without sacrificing their well-being.

[Adapted from Are Teens Adopting Adults' Stress Habits?]

Question 31: The word "**mounting**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. maintaining B. increasing C. stable D. occasional

Question 32: Which of the following best expresses the main idea of the passage?

- A. Students should focus on tests to enter top universities successfully
B. Academic pressure can harm students, so balance and support are needed
C. Parents create most stress, so schools should reduce family involvement
D. Stress habits in adults are the main reason teens feel tired at school

Question 33: Which school action would best support the "balance" suggested in the passage?

- A. giving longer holidays instead of daily activities after school
B. assigning more homework to build discipline and competition skills
C. requiring higher standards so students learn to handle pressure early
D. including time for exercise and rest alongside regular study schedules

Question 34: Which student is **MOST** likely experiencing burnout as described in the passage?

- A. a student who studies hard but still enjoys sports every weekend
B. a student who feels nervous before tests but sleeps well each night
C. a student who feels exhausted, sleeps poorly, and quits favorite hobbies
D. a student who compares grades sometimes but remains happy and healthy

Question 35: According to the passage, academic pressure can come from all of the following **EXCEPT** _____.

- A. parents wanting children to have better opportunities than before
B. teachers expecting students to meet high academic standards
C. classmates comparing grades and personal achievements in class
D. online influencers sharing perfect study lives and success stories

Question 36: The word "**motivate**" in paragraph 4 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. complain B. inspire C. discourage D. destroy

Four phrases/sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 37 to 40.

Life on other planets is one of the hottest topics in science right now, (37) _____. Many people feel excited because finding even simple life would change how we see ourselves. At the same time, others stay careful, (38) _____. So the big question is: are we truly close to an answer, or are we just seeing what we want to see?

In my view, the most interesting trend is the search for “small” life, not aliens like in movies. Scientists look at places such as Mars, Europa, and distant exoplanets, (39) _____. This makes the discussion more real and also more controversial. If we find strong evidence, should we send humans there, or should we protect that planet like a natural reserve? And if we never find anything, (40) _____?

- A. because space is huge and we still have limited data
- B. trying to find water, tiny microbes, or chemical signs in the air
- C. especially after news about possible “signals” and new space missions
- D. does it mean life is rare—or just that we are searching in the wrong way

Question 37: _____. Question 38: _____. Question 39: _____. Question 40: _____.